

DECISION ON THE HUMANITARIAN SITUATION IN AFRICA
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The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Commission on the Humanitarian Situation in Africa;
2. **EXPRESSES CONCERN** about the recent difficult humanitarian situation unfolding on the continent causing mass movements of people within the Continent and beyond, thus overwhelming humanitarian workers with the magnitude of the problem;
3. **WELCOMES** the support and assistance demonstrated by Member States in the spirit of burden sharing towards the victims of forced displacement arising out of conflicts, disasters, insecurity, and violations of human rights in spite of the severe constraints they face;
4. **EXPRESSES ITS APPRECIATION AND GRATITUDE** to Member States, donor countries and to the international community at large for their positive responses to the appeals made in view of the urgency, magnitude and complexity of the humanitarian crisis to the millions of people who have fallen victims to the prevailing situation in North Africa;
5. **CALLS UPON** relevant development oriented organizations and agencies to review and enhance their capacities to respond promptly and adequately to the demands of the ever changing humanitarian situations for the forced displacement of populations;
6. **REQUESTS** the Commission to explore the possibility of directly arranging the procurement of relief materials and in collaboration with partners arrange direct emergency response;
7. **URGES** Member States and the Commission to examine various lasting solutions and make appropriate recommendations to Council in accordance with the Implementation of the Action Plan of the African Union Convention for the Protection and Assistance of Internally Displaced Persons in Africa (Kampala Convention);
8. **COMMENDS** the Permanent Representatives' Committee (PRC) through its Sub-Committee on Refugees for its work in furthering the protection of forced displacement populations in accordance with its Programme of Activities and **STRESSES** the need to continue addressing the problem in practical terms and to present the true picture of humanitarian issues in the Continent;

9. **FURTHER COMMENDS** the five (5) Member States that have so far ratified the Kampala Convention and **APPEALS** once again to Member States that have not yet done so to consider signing and or ratifying the Convention as soon as possible, and adhere to all its provisions;
10. **NOTES** the progress made by the Commission in carrying out its programmes and activities in the area of forced displacement and **REQUESTS** the Commission to exert further efforts in accordance with the various decisions of the Executive Council;
11. **CALLS UPON** the Commission to explore new avenues for raising extra-budgetary resources to supplement Member States efforts in the implementation of the Plan of Action on the Outcomes of the 2009 Kampala AU Special Summit on Refugees, Returnees and IDPs and report back on the developments to the next Ordinary Session of the Executive Council in January 2012.



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